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SUBJ: SECRETARY BUTZ' CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU

1. FOLLOWING IS UNCLEARED MEMCON ON MEETING BETWEEN SECRETARY BUTZ AND PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU.

2. SECRETARY MET WITH PRESIDENT FOR 35 MINUTES IN LATTER'S OFFICE AT RCP HEADQUARTERS ON MORNING OF NOV 22. PRESENT WERE GOR MINISTER OF AGRIGULTURE MICULESCU, CHARGE, INTERPRETER AND OFFICIAL NOTETAKER. ALTHOUGH CEAUSESCU APPEARED TO BE SOMEWHAT PREOCCUPIED, MEETING WAS VERY CORDIAL AND CONVERSATION LIVELY.

3. SECRETARY OPENED CONVERSATION BY INFORMING CEAUSESCU OF PRESIDENT FORD'S EXPLICIT INSTRUCTIONS TO CABINET UPON HIS RETURN FROM ROMANIA IN AUGUST TO PROMOTE AND ACCELERATE BILATERAL COOPERATION WITH GOR IN AS MANY AREAS AS POSSIBLE. HE ASSURED CEAUSESCU OF HIS PERSONAL COMMITMENT TO PRESIDENT'S DIRECTIVE, OBSERVING THAT HE

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AND MICULESCU HAD ALREADY AGREED TO A MEETING OF AGRICUL-

TURE EXPERTS IN JANUARY IN WASHINGTON TO DEVELOP A LIST OF JOINT RESEARCH PROJECTS. SECRETARY STRESSED HE THOUGHT BEST POLICY WAS TO INITIATE PROGRAM WITH A SMALL NUMBER OF PROJECTS OF MUTUAL INTEREST IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE DONE WELL. CEAUSESCU AGREED.

4. IN COMMENTING ON GROWING IMPORTANCE OF ROMANIAN MARKET FOR U.S. FARM EXPORTS, SECRETARY SAID HE WANTED CEAUSESCU TO KNOW HOW MUCH WE VALUED THIS RELATIONSHIP AND THAT GOR COULD COUNT ON USG AS A DEPENDABLE SOURCE OF SUPPLY. CEAUSESCU WASPISHLY OBSERVED THAT GOR AGRICULTURE POLICY IS BASED ON PROPOSITION OF ROMANIA BECOMING SELF-SUFFICIENT -- INDEED, TO BECOMING A NET EXPORTER OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS. REALISTICALLY, HOWEVER, HE RECOGNIZED THAT GOR WOULD ALWAYS BE AN IMPORTER OF CERTAIN U.S. COMMODITIES SUCH AS COTTON AND SOYA.

5. CONVERSATION TURNED TO WORLD FOOD SITUATION WITH SECRETARY NOTING BIGGEST PROBLEM FOR WORLD IN NEXT 25 YEARS WILL BE TO DOUBLE FOOD PRODUCTION. WITHOUT SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM THERE WILL BE NEITHER GLOBAL PEACE NOR STABILITY. CEAUSESCU INTERRUPTED TO NOTE THAT HE COMPLETELY AGREED WITH THIS STATEMENT. REFERRING TO IRANIAN PROPOSAL AT WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE LAST YEAR TO ESTABLISH A ONE BILLION DOLLAR INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT, SECRETARY SAID IN TEHERAN LAST WEEK HE HAD URGED SHAH TO LEND HIS PERSONAL SUPPORT TO GETTING FUND INTO OPERATION AT EARLY DATE. NOTING THAT CEAUSESCU WOULD BE GUEST OF SHAH THIS WEEK HE SUGGESTED PRESIDENT MIGHT WANT TO MAKE SAME PITCH. SECRETARY SAID THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF FUND WOULD OFFER SUBSTANTIAL POTENTIAL SCOPE FOR JOINT GOR-US COLLABORATION IN AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS IN DEVELOPING WORLD. CEAUSESCU'S EARS PERKED UP AT THIS SUGGESTION AND HE PROMPTLY AGREED TO RAISE SUBJECT OF FUND WITH SHAH. HE NOTED THAT ROMANIA ALREADY HAS A FAIRLY EXTENSIVE AGRICULTURE AID PROGRAM IN THE THIRD WORLD, BUT LIMITATION OF RESOURCES IMPOSES STRINGENT RESTRICTIONS ON AMOUNT ROMANIA CAN DO ALONE. CEAUSESCU THEN BROACHED SUBJECT OF POSSIBLE COLLABORATION IN PORK PRODUCTION. SECRETARY RESPONDED THIS NOT ACTIVITY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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USG COULD BECOME INVOLVED IN, BUT NOTED POSSIBILITY OF PARTICIPATION BY U.S. FIRM. HE PROMISED TO INVESTIGATE MATTER.

6. SECRETARY RAISED PROBLEM OF EEC RESTRICTIONS ON AGRICULTURE IMPORTS, ESPECIALLY MEAT, AND URGED THAT GOR COOPERATE CLOSELY WITH U.S. DELEGATION AT GENEVA TRADE TALKS. CEAUSESCU NODDED ASSENT.

7. IN CONCLUDING CONVERSATION SECRETARY SAID HE WISHED CONGRATULATE CEAUSESCU ON PRIORITY HE GIVING AGRICULTURE IN NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT. GIVEN ENORMOUS IMPORTANCE OF AGRICULTURE SECTOR IN ECONOMY, HE HOPED MICULESCU WOULD GET ALL THE MONEY HE NEEDED. CEAUSESCU LEANED FORWARD AND WAGGING HIS FINGER AT MICULESCU SAID, "THE TROUBLE WITH HIM IS HE ISN'T SPENDING ALL THE MONEY I AM GIVING HIM; THAT'S THE PROBLEM, OR MORE SPECIFICALLY, THAT'S MICULESCU'S PROBLEM."

8. AS WE WERE DEPARTING, CEAUSESCU AGAIN RAISED PROPOSAL OF A LARGE JOINT PROJECT IN PORK PRODUCTION. SECRETARY ASSURED HIM HE WOULD FOLLOW UP IDEA, NOTING THAT U.S. MARKET FOR PORK PRODUCTS SHOULD BE VERY GOOD IN COMING YEAR.
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